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A really fun part of my job is to get out of the office and meet many New England producers face to face during trade shows, commodity meetings, annual Farm Bureau meetings and any other reasonable excuse to leave my desk. If nothing else, you know us from the questionnaires and results you find in your mail box and telephone calls that come if we have not heard from you. Your gracious understanding of the need for those many contacts confirms that fact that you recognize the need for factual, timely information about New England agriculture.

We remain grateful to the thousands of farmers across New England who faithfully answer our inquiries. With the addition of the Census of Agriculture and many special follow-on data collection activities, our agency is especially concerned about respondent burden and hopes to find ways to limit the number of contacts during the coming months and years.

This publication would not be possible without the monetary support of our Commissioners of Agriculture across the New England region. We thank them for their continued interest in serving the information needs of all data users in our region. Also, it is a pleasure to work with a dedicated staff of federal employees who plan and conduct our surveys and prepare the official estimates, plus the contract enumerators who serve as our data collectors.

Sincerely,

Aubrey R. Davis
Director

Revision Policy of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS):

Most estimates are subject to revision, if necessary, when the next estimate is prepared. Revisions are made to provide data users with the best possible data for evaluating the current estimates. Revisions are based on additional data, such as new surveys, late reports, corrected data or more complete administrative data. Revisions may also be based on a re-evaluation of previous survey data when making current estimates to improve survey-to-survey relationships. When the Census of Agriculture becomes available every 5 years, all estimates made during those 5 years are reviewed for possible revisions. After reviewing estimates with Census data, there are no further revisions to NASS estimates.

This publication generally contains ten years of data. A review of Census statistics may have resulted in revisions to estimates as early as 1992. Additionally, the estimates for the most recent year may be revised after this publication is printed. For publication dates of reports with the most up-to-date information, see the table of contents for sections named 'New England Reports' and 'National Reports.'